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Letter dated 17 January 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1579 (2004) concerning Liberia. In paragraph 8 of the resolution, the Council re-established the Panel of Experts for a further period, until 21 June 2005, to undertake the tasks set out in the same paragraph of the resolution. In paragraph 9 of the same resolution, the Council requested me to appoint, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia, no more than five experts with the appropriate range of expertise, in particular on arms, timber, diamonds, finance, humanitarian and socio-economic and any other relevant issues.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1579 (2004), including that I draw as much as possible on the expertise of the members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1549 (2004), I have appointed the following five experts:

1. Mr. Arthur Blundell (Canada)
2. Mr. Damien Callamand (France)
3. Mr. Caspar Fithen (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
4. Mr. Tommy Garnett (Sierra Leone)
5. Mr. Rajiva Bhushan Sinha (India)

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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